

## Local Blastball Rules

1. **Defensive Play:** All players play the field in every inning. **No catcher is required!** All players must stay behind the line marker and as much as possible stand in a normal playing position on the field.....3<sup>rd</sup> base, shortstop, 2<sup>nd</sup> base etc. with the other players filling in around the infield.
2. **Offensive Play:** All players bat every inning.
3. If batter reaches the **Blastbase** before a defensive player either catches the batted ball in the air (an automatic out) or fields it on the ground and yells “**BLAST**”, that player scores a run for their team.
4. If the ball is caught in the air or fielded and “**BLAST**” is yelled before the runner gets to the **Blastbase**, then the runner is out.
5. To eliminate any player from being hit with a thrown ball, the ball shall not be thrown to first base to achieve an out. However, to promote good throwing skills, have the player to whom the ball was batted to throw the ball back to the manager/coach standing at home placing the ball on the tee. Please teach all players to be alert and that the “PLAY” is not over until the player has thrown the ball back to the coach to avoid anyone being hit from not paying attention.
6. **Side Retired:** After 3 outs, no additional runs are counted, but the batting order is continued until all players have batted in an inning. The player following the batter that makes the third out will lead off the following inning. The inning shall be over once all offensive batters have batted in that inning regardless of number of outs. If 3 outs were not made in any inning, the first batter in the batting order shall lead off the following inning.
7. If one team has more players than the other team, only an equal number of batters may count towards runs.
8. No bunting. The ball must travel past the 15' line marker or it will be considered foul and the batter will bat again.
9. 4 innings per game with 6 run limit in per inning.
10. Home Team is responsible for field set up for game. (Blastbase, cone, Tee, and line marker)
11. All Managers, Coaches, or any other adult on the playing field during a practice or a game shall show good sportsmanship at all times.
12. There will be **NO SMOKING, OTHER TYPES OF TOBACCO USE, OR PROFANITY ON THE FIELD OR IN DUGOUT AREA.**